ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF

GILSUM, N. H.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

MARCH 1, 1889.

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REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

For the Year Ending March 1st, 1889.

Five schools have been maintained in town the past year, of twenty-five weeks each. The same teacher has been retained during the year in every school but one; should gladly have done so in that one.

There have been a few cases of complaint, which investigation showed to be nearly groundless.

Our teachers in the main have been faithful, and the pupils have made good progress in their studies. So far as as we have been able to judge, excellent discipline has been maintained without any harsh measures having been resorted to. As a rule, schools will prove the most profitable where the most interest is manifested in them by parents and the public. Many of the difficulties our teachers have to contend with would be removed if parents would visit the school often and make it a duty to know how those they send there improve their time. Many are too ready to accept the reports of others in regard to the management or instruction of their school without any personal knowledge.

Reports of disaffected parties should be received with caution until all the facts are known.

All are interested in the welfare and success of our common schools whether they furnish pupils or not; as members of community you are interested.

We shall be good and wise as a nation if the individuals composing it are so. As the unit, so will be the aggregate.

Surround your children during vacation with good books, they are plenty and cheap. The love of knowledge comes with reading and grows upon it, and this love of knowledge in the young mind is one of the best safeguards against enticing evils.

We are glad to notice that our teachers are not as confined to their text-books in their instruction as formerly; more of the teaching is oral, which is always more interesting to the child and more likely to be remembered than ready-made phrases from the text-book. Too much of the teaching in our public schools has been mechanical and spiritless.

Teachers seemed to regard it as their whole duty to give out lessons, and ascertain the next day whether the pupil has learned them; we are glad to note that this kind of teaching is growing less in our schools.

Teaching, in order to be useful must proceed slowly and understandingly from the known to the unknown, every advance step bringing into use the pupil's knowledge and experience as far as possible. The desire of parents to have their children advance more rapidly than they are able to do understandingly is often a source of trial to teachers and superintendent. The child will appear much better and learn more in a proper position than a false one.

We have deemed it advisable to pay for transporting scholars from the west part of the town to the village, rather than support a school of only four or five pupils which is not generally attended with very good results.

REPAIRS OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

During the past year the house in the village has been painted outside two coats, and the blackboards painted. The house in the south district has been newly clapboarded and re-shingled, also the walls and ceiling of the school room and ante-room newly plastered, and the house painted one coat outside.

NUMBER OF SCHOLARS.

There have been enrolled in town 105 different scholars, with an average attendance of 82. The Selectmen's enumeration of those between the ages of 5 and 15 as taken April, 1888, was 90. Boys, 51 ; girls, 39. Appended will be found statistical tables ; also the financial statement of the Treasurer.

GEO. C. HUBBARD,
B. H. BRITTON,
H. E. ADAMS,
School Board.

SUMMER SCHOOLS.

Schools.	Name of Teacher.	Wages per month including board.	No. of weeks.	No. of Scholars.	Average attendance.	Reading.	Spelling.	Writing.	Arithmetic.	Geography.	Grammar.	History.	Composition.	Drawing.	Physiology.	Book-keeping.	Algebra.	Natural History.	Visits by Supt.	Visits by Citiz'ns.	Roll of perfect attendance.
Union. G.	Mabel E. May.	$32 00	8	20	16	20	20	20	20	10	11	8	20	20	3	7	5	12	3	55	2
Union. P.	Effie L. Rawson.	28 00	7.4	30	25	30	30	26	16	8									3	52	4
East.	Lila H. Mason.	24 00	8	15	13	15	15	12	12	4	3				1				2	11	7
South.	Lizzie M. Gunn.	24 00	8	7	6.4	7	7	6	5	3		1	5	3			1		2	13	5
V. Rock.	Effie J. Bates.	24 00	8	16	15	16	16	12	9	8	1	1							2	21	11

FALL SCHOOLS.

Schools.		Names of Teachers.	Wages per month including board.	No. of weeks.	No. of scholars.	Average attendance.	Reading.	Spelling.	Writing.	Arithmetic.	Geography.	Grammar.	History.	Composition.	Physiology.	Book-keeping.	Algebra.	Drawing.	Natural History.	Visits by Supt.	Visits by Cittz'ns.	Roll of perfect attendance.
V. Rock. South. East. Union. Union.	G.	Mabel E. May.	$32 00	8	19	17	19	19	19	19	10	11	8	19	3	7	5	19	12	1	24	1
	P.	Effie L. Rawson.	28 00	8.2	29	25	29	29	26	16	16									1	26	2
		Lila H. Mason.	24 00	8	17	16	17	17	12	15	5	5			1					1	2	7
		Fanny Johnson.	24 00	6	5	4.7	5	5	5	5	5		2	4				4		1	11	2
		Effie J. Bates.	24 00	7.8	17	15	17	17	13	10	8	1	1							2	15	9

WINTER SCHOOLS.

Schools.		Names of Teachers.	Wages per month including board.	No. of weeks.	No. of scholars.	Average attendance.	Reading.	Spelling.	Writing.	Arithmetic.	Geography.	Grammar.	History.	Composition.	Drawing.	Physiology.	Book-keeping.	Algebra.	Natural History.	Visits by Supt.	Visits by Citiz'ns.	Roll of perfect attendance.
V. Rock. South. East. Union. Union.	G.	Mabel E. May.	$32 00	9	20	19	20	20	20	20	10	11	8	20	20	3	7	5	12	3	57	6
	P.	Effie L. Rawson.	28 00	9	25	23	25	25	25	15	15									3	51	5
		Lila H. Mason.	24 00	9	16	12	16	16	11	14	9	4				1				2	7	5
		Fanny Johnson.	24 00	11	11	7	11	11	10	11	9	2	2			2	2	1		2	6	3
		Effie J. Bates.	24 00	8.6	14	13	14	14	9	12	7	1	1							2	10	8

REPORT OF TREASURER OF SCHOOL BOARD,

For the Year Ending March 1, 1889.

Whole amount of school money,	$1,247 53
Made up as follows;	
Town raised by taxation,	850 00
Town raised by taxation for repairs,	151 80
One-fifth of literary fund for 1887,	17 66
Four-fifths of literary fund for 1888,	72 22
Interest on school fund, ($300 at 6 per cent.)	18 00
Money in town treasury, Dist. No. 6,	89 38
Cash balance on hand, March 1, 1888,	48 48
	$1,247 54

RECEIPTS.

Cash balance on hand, March 1, 1888,	$ 48 48
By orders on town treasurer,	1,199 06
	$1,247 54

EXPENDITURES.

UNION DISTRICT.

Miss Mabel E. May, teaching 24 4-5 weeks,	$198 40
Miss Effie L. Rawson, teaching 25 weeks,	175 00
Geo. E. Newman, hard wood for the year,	32 50
G. B. Alexander, conveying scholars,	74 00
Phin. Wright, conveying scholars,	34 50

Frank Cuthbert, care of school house,	$6 50
Albert F. Adams, care of school house,	2 50
Mrs. Mack, water and aid cleaning,	4 00
Mrs. Poquette and others, cleaning,	2 75
C. A. Gould & Co., sundries,	55
J. A. Smith, sundries,	90
Geo. C. Hubbard, curtains and hangings,	6 25
	$537 85

EAST DISTRICT.

Miss Lila H. Mason, teaching 25 weeks,	$150 00
Geo. Bates, 2 cords wood,	8 00
S. L. Nash, care school house,	2 50
J. A. Smith, sundries,	25
	$160 75

SOUTH DISTRICT.

Miss Lizzie M. Gunn, teaching 8 weeks,	$48 00
Miss Fanny Johnson, teaching 17 weeks,	102 00
B. H. Britton, wood and sundries,	10 21
	$160 21

VESSEL ROCK DISTRICT.

Effie J. Bates, teaching 25 weeks,	$150 00
D. W. Bill, wood,	11 00
F. S. Smith, labor and zinc,	70
Eva V. Knight, care school house,	2 50
	$164 20

REPAIRS OF SCHOOL HOUSES.

UNION DISTRICT.

C. W. Bingham, painting (less 67 cents for paint sold),	$14 33

C. L. Hubbard, repairing seats and painting blackboards,	$3 55
J. A. Smith, paints, etc.,	15 63
	$33 51

SOUTH DISTRICT.

B. H. Britton, bill repairs,	$121 52

MISCELLANEOUS.

For boxes for use of district,	$1 50
Total expenditures,	$1,179 54
Cash balance on hand,	68 00

H. E. ADAMS,
Treasurer School Board.

REPORT OF THE FIREWARDS.

The Firewards of Gilsum present the following report for the year ending March 1, 1889:

Last spring the engine was found on trial to be out of order. The valves were accordingly re-leathered and the whole apparatus put into a fair condition.

The light cotton hose was found to be worthless. There are 300 feet of leather hose in a fit condition for use, and 100 feet more that is far from perfect, but might be of service in case of necessity.

During the past year there has fortunately been no practical occasion to test the efficiency of our fire department. In the hour of conflagration it would probably be found as efficient as a majority of the departments in other places of the same size as Gilsum, and yet it is doubtful if we could successfully cope with a fire in any of our large buildings. It rests largely with the town whether or not to increase the efficiency of our fire department. The Firewards and the engine company can only use the resources provided by the town. The repairs on fire apparatus the past year amounted to $8.73.

Services of Firewards gratuitous.

I. A. LOVELAND,

Chief of Firewards.

REPORT OF THE

SUPERINTENDENT OF CENTENNIAL CEMETERY

For the Year Ending March 1, 1889.

Received of David D. Roundy, for lots Nos. 111 and 112,	$11 00
Received of A. W. Smith, for lot No. 161,	5 00
Received of George Bates, for lot No. 147,	5 00

LOTS PREVIOUSLY SOLD AND UNPAID.

H. C. Gates, lot No. 76,	$5 00
G. B. Alexander, lot No. 125,	5 00
Louis Bourret, lot No. 292,	3 00
Unpaid to date,	$18 00
Total receipts paid Treasurer,	$21 00

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. ISHAM,

Superintendent.

REPORT OF OVERSEER OF POOR.

TOWN PAUPERS.

Mrs. Lucy Cooke, for the support of Nancy M. Nash from March 1 to June 1, 1888, at $1.50 per week, 13 weeks,	$19 50
Mrs. Lucy Cooke, June 1 to Sept. 1, at $2.00 per week, 13 weeks,	26 00
Gilbert Guillow, Sept. 1 to Dec. 1, at $2.00 per week, 13 weeks,	26 00
Gilbert Guillow, from Dec. 1 to Jan. 15, 1889,	31 00
Dr. Perkins, for medical attendance for Mrs. Nash,	15 50
For clothing for Mrs. Nash,	8 64
Funeral expenses of Mrs. Nash,	20 40
Dec. 29, 1888, L. W. F. Mark, for making affidavit,	50
M. C. Sullivan, for keeping 8 tramps,	6 00
Amounting to	$153 54
Feb. 28, 1889, received from Town Treasurer to balance,	$153 54

COUNTY PAUPERS.

From Oct. 18, 1887, to April 3, 1888, 24 weeks:

Aid to William Horton,	$36 00
Oliver C. Beckwith,	40 58
Lucius Davis,	40 25
Erwin Chapman,	35 47
Samuel C. Hudson,	48 00

Aid to Eunice Heath,	$28 21
Henry Griffin,	23 43
Mary Davis,	32 65
Willard H. Rumrill,	28 85
John Barron and family,	16 62
Amounting to	$330 26
April 3, 1888, received from County to balance,	$330 26

From April 3, 1888, to Oct. 16, 1888, 28 weeks:

Aid to William Horton,	$42 50
Oliver C. Beckwith,	42 00
Lucius Davis,	47 50
Erwin Chapman,	30 51
Samuel C. Hudson,	56 00
Eunice Heath,	28 00
Henry Griffin,	11 32
John Barron and family,	37 43
Amounting to	$295 26
Oct. 16, 1888, received from County to balance,	$295 26

S. L. KINGSBURY,
Overseer of the Poor.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The Selectmen of Gilsum submit the following statement of receipts and disbursements for the year ending March 1, 1889:

INVOICE OF TOWN, APRIL, 1888.

177 polls,	$17,700 00
9,800 acres,	168,396 00
144 horses,	10,583 00
75 oxen,	4,471 00
144 cows,	4,219 00
127 neat,	2,683 00
387 sheep,	984 00
6 hogs,	70 00
26 carriages,	1,621 00
Value of stock in banks and other corporations in state,	5,500 00
Value of stock in banks and other corporations out of state,	5,525 00
Money at interest,	24,779 00
Stock in trade,	17,625 00
Mills and machinery,	23,544 00
	$287,700 00

APPROPRIATIONS.

The following were the appropriations at the annual meeting in March, 1888, with assessments required by law:

For support of schools,	$850 00
Debts and town charges,	500 00
Roads and bridges,	1,050 00
State and county tax,	500 00
Support of poor,	50 00
Investigating town robbery,	286 23
Union school house tax,	385 00
Tax on dogs,	42 00
Overlay,	37 33
Repairing school houses,	150 00
Amount committed to Geo. H. McCoy for collection,	$3,937 13

SCHOOL MONEY FOR 1888.

Town raised for support of schools,	$850 00
Literary money left from 1887,	17 66
Literary money in treasury less one fifth,	72 22
Interest on school fund at 6 per cent.,	18 00
Repair of school houses,	151 80
Money in town treasury from district No. 6,	89 38
Cash balance on hand March 1, 1888,	48 48
	$1,247 54

TOWN OFFICERS ENDING MARCH 1, 1888.

O. J. Willson,	$51 00
J. J. Isham,	40 75
B. H. Britton,	40 50
L. W. F. Mark,	22 00
Geo. C. Hubbard, member of School Board,	30 00
Oscar J. Willson, member of School Board,	15 00
E. G. Johnson, member of School Board,	5 00
F. A. Howard, Auditor,	1 00
W. A. Wilder, Auditor,	1 00
S. L. Kingsbury, Overseer of the Poor,	23 00
H. E. Adams, Treasurer,	7 50
	$236 75

Geo. B. Rawson and J. S. Collins, Union school house tax, 1888,	$408 64

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

H. E. Adams and G. C. Hubbard,	$1,199 06
Cash balance in town treasury,	48 48
	$1,247 54

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

J. E. Isham, pay roll,	$94 50
S. C. Gates, Steward, ending March, 1888,	4 00
I. A. Loveland, repairing fire apparatus and reservoir,	8 73
	$107 23

SUPPORT OF POOR.

S. L. Kingsbury, Overseer of Poor,	$153 54

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Jehial White,	$137 66
Milton Stearns,	120 68
Geo. W. Newman,	112 53
B. H. Britton,	65 99
Wm. L. Kingsbury, work in 1887,	19 50
E. D. Banks,	149 34
W. B. Adams, work and logs near Pond lot,	83 19
Geo. H. McCoy,	62 33
Howard & Bates, work on wing on Polly bridge,	100 00
Wm. B. Adams, lumber for bridges,	49 13
Willard Bill, bridge stone,	2 10
	$902 45

BREAKING ROADS.

Ora D. Bridge,	$18 50
Milton Stearns,	81 66
B. H. Britton,	43 06
J. J. Isham,	41 43
W. A. Wilder,	10 35
S. L. Kingsbury,	17 06
E. D. Banks,	41 57
	$253 63

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

E. P. Dole, for detective service,	$286 24
G. B. Rawson, cleaning town hall,	9 24
L. W. F. Mark, blank book and stationery,	1 75
A. Chapin, storing old engine,	5 00
C. W. Bingham, removing nuisance,	1 50
Geo. H. McCoy, going with hearse and painting the same,	17 00
Plates and bolts for scraper,	9 00
Printing town reports,	29 00
C. W. Bingham, repairing town hall,	4 00
K. D. Webster, births and deaths,	2 25
Cheshire Provident Institution, paid notes and interest to Jan. 1, 1889,	387 89
Guaranty Bank, note and interest,	220 03
Five Cent Bank, paid interest on two notes to Jan. 1, 1889,	29 88
H. E. Adams, state tax,	940 00
G. B. Rawson, housing scraper,	2 00
L. W. F. Mark, reporting births, deaths and blanks,	5 00
I. A. Loveland, reporting births and deaths,	3 00
Jas. Davis, cleaning river below Polly bridge,	16 13
Chas. W. Bingham, Chairman Board Health,	3 75
S. L. Kingsbury, repairs on town hall,	1 54

I. A. Loveland, insurance on halls and contents,	$23 00
Geo. H. McCoy, Collector,	35 00
Batchelder & Faulkner, retaining fee,	6 00
F. C. Minor, damage sustained on Bingham hill,	25 00
M. Perkins, reporting births and deaths,	1 75
W. B. Adams,	1 67
County tax,	716 61
	$2,783 23

RECAPITULATION.

Support of poor,	$153 54
School Board,	1,199 06
Union school house tax,	408 64
Town officers,	236 75
Fire department,	107 23
Highways and bridges,	902 45
Miscellaneous,	2,783 23
Breaking roads,	253 63
	$6,044 53

LIABILITIES OF TOWN, MARCH 1, 1889.

Estimated amount due town officers,	$225 00
Estimated cost printing town reports,	27 00
Estimated amount due on outstanding notes,	2,069 00
	$2,321 00

ASSETS.

State, county and town taxes in hands of Collector,	$359 04
Union school house tax in hands of Collector,	33 52
Dog taxes,	12 00
Money in treasury,	18 35
Due from S. W. Dart, for stove and pipe,	7 00
	$429 91

Estimated indebtedness of town, $1,891 09

All of which is respectfully submitted,

W. B. ADAMS,
S. L. KINGSBURY,
W. S. MANSFIELD,
Selectmen of Gilsum.

We hereby certify that we have examined the reports of Selectmen, Overseer of Poor, Treasurer and School Board, and believe them correctly cast and properly vouched.

F. A. HOWARD,
B. H. BRITTON,
Auditors.

Gilsum, March 1, 1889.

TREASURER'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1889.

1888.		
Mar. 1.	Money in treasury,	$2 82
Mar. 22.	Received of town hall committee,	6 74
Apr. 4.	Received of Selectmen, borrowed of Keene Five Cents Savings Bank,	400 00
Apr. 28.	Received of Selectmen, borrowed of Keene Five Cents Savings Bank,	300 00
May 28.	Received of S. L. Kingsbury, Collector for 1886,	1 30
Dec. 15.	Received of Selectmen, from sale of old engine,	5 25
1889.		
Jan. 2.	Received of Selectmen, savings bank tax for 1888,	1,367 72
Jan. 2.	Received of Selectmen, literary fund for 1888,	88 29
Jan. 2.	Received of Selectmen, insurance tax, 1888,	7 50
Jan. 29.	Received of Town Clerk, for license of pool table,	19 50
Feb. 28.	Received of S. L. Kingsbury, Collector for 1887,	216 79
Feb. 28.	Received of Geo. H. McCoy, Collector for 1888,	3,510 97

Feb. 28.	Received of J. J. Isham, superintendent Centennial cemetery,	16 00
Feb. 28.	Received of Selectmen, borrowed of Keene Five Cents Savings Bank,	150 00
	Whole amount received,	$6,092 88
	Paid out by order of Selectmen, 1887,	30 00
	Paid out by order of Selectmen, 1888,	6,044 53
	Whole amount paid out,	$6,074 53
	Balance in treasury, March 1, 1889,	18 35

H. E. ADAMS,
Treasurer.

VITAL STATISTICS.

To the Selectmen:

In compliance with an act of the legislature passed June Session, 1887, requiring "clerks of towns and cities to furnish a transcript of the record of births, marriages and deaths to the municipal officers for publication in the Annual Report," I hereby submit the following:

Births Registered in the Town of Gilsum, N. H., for the Year ending December 31, 1888.

Date of Birth.	Name of Child (if any).	Sex and Condition. Male.	Female.	Living or Stillborn.	No. of child 1st, 2d, etc.	Color.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Color of Parents.	Residence of Parents.	Occupation of Father.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.	Age of Father.	Age of Mother.
Jan. 1	Mary Regina.		F	L	1	W	Cyril Perry.	Jessie R.	W	Gilsum.	Wood chopper	Canada.	Canada.	27	20
" 18		M		L	4	W	Lewis Killhart.	Rosa Busha.	W	"	Farmer.	Canada.	Canada.	31	31
Mar. 12	HazelWinnifred.		F	L	1	W	John E. Isham.	Winnifred B.	W	"	Agent.	Gilsum. [Vt.	Woodstock, Vt	21	24
" 20			F	L	1	W	Willard Rumrill.	Florence C.	W	"	Farm Laborer.	Weathersfield,	Montreal, Can.	23	19
" 29	Rubie May.		F	L	1	W	Wilber Hamlin.	Annie C.	W	"	Weaver.	Champlain, NY	Tr'wbr'ge, Eng	24	31
May 24			F	L	2	W	Eddie C. Stone.	Dora Corey.	W	"	Laborer.	Mendon, Vt.	Gilsum.	28	20
July 19	Arthur H.	M		L	4	W	Henry S. Beckwith.	Jen'eM.Chapin	W	"	Laborer.	Bennington, Vt	Alstead.	37	37
Nov. 7			F	L	2	W	Harvey L. Bates.	Lizzie Nash.	W	"	Farmer.	Landgrove, Vt.	Gilsum.	53	18

Deaths Registered in the Town of Gilsum, N. H., for the Year ending December 31, 1888.

Date of Death.	Name and Surname of the Deceased.	Age.			Place of Birth.	Sex and Conditi'n				Occupation.	Place of Birth.		Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.
		Years.	Months.	Days.		Male.	Female.	Color.	S., M., W.*		Father.	Mother.		
Jan. 6	Mary Davis.	49	8	26	Gilsum.		F	W	S	Housekeeper.	Sullivan.	Chesterfield.	Silas Davis.	Abigail Putney.
Feb. 13	Abbie A. Smith.	25	9	15	Gilsum.		F	W	M		Winchester.	Chesterfield.	Henry Howard.	Lucinda Davis.
Mar. 3	Levi Barrett.	84	8	19	Nelson.	M		W	M	Farmer.	Nelson.		John Barrett.	Lucy Nichols.
" 6	George W. Rogers.	67	1	24	Lynn, Mass.	M		W	M	Minister.		Vt. Salem, Mass.	Robert Rogers.	Mary Arrington.
" 20				1	Gilsum.		F	W			Weatherfield,	Montreal, Can.	Willard Rumrill.	Flor'ce Chapman
" 31	Wm. Kingsbury.	91	3	22	Surry.	M		W	W	Farmer.	Needham, Ms.	Swanzey.	JamesKingsbury	Sarah Cresson.
Apr. 14	Cynthia D. Bates.	63	2	27	Gilsum.		F	W	M	Housewife.	Shutesbury, Ms	Fitzwilliam.	John Davis.	Martha Philips.
May 7	James H. Barton.	43		6	Dorchester, Mass	M		W	M	Cigar Dealer.	Boston, Mass.	Portland, Me.	James H. Barton	Isabella Ring.
Aug. 10	Sarah F. Barrett.	74	6	13	Sullivan.		F	W	W	Housewife.			Sam'l Winchester	Sally Foster.
Oct. 12	Mary E. Roundy	38	9		Keene.		F	W	M				Aaron Darling.	E. Metcalf.
Nov. 9	—— Bates.			2	Gilsum.		F	W			Landgrove, Vt.	Gilsum.	Harvey L. Bates.	Lizzie Nivers.
Dec. 6	Sylvan's L. Guillow	43	4	2	Peru, Vt.	M		W	M	Laborer.		Winchester.	Dan'l C. Guillow.	Sus'n P. Kempton
" 7	Louisa J. Foss.	58	10	21			F	W	W		Gilsum.		Levi Nash.	Martha Miller.

* Single, married or widowed.

I hereby certify that the foregoing transcript of births, marriages and deaths is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

L. W. F. MARK,
Town Clerk.

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